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Week of October 10 - October 16, 2005

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Early week storm brings much needed moisture to the Southeast.

Winter wheat condition improves.

Soil moisture best since 1999.

Daytime highs were mostly in the upper 60's to upper 70's during the week. Night time temperatures were mostly in the low 20's to low 30's. A snow storm early in the week brought much needed moisture particularly to southeastern parts of the state.

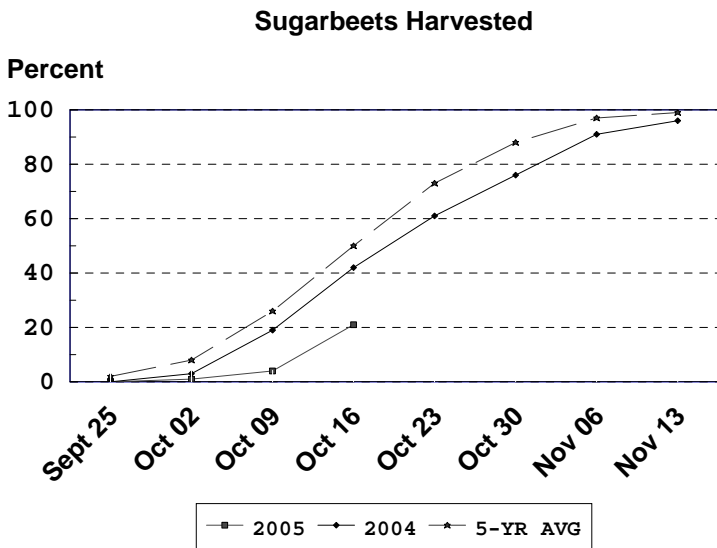
As of October 16, 56 percent of the State had adequate topsoil moisture and 4 percent was surplus, 22 points better than 2 weeks ago. Subsoil moisture was rated adequate in 36 percent of the state and surplus in 2 percent, much higher than the 5-year average rating of 16 percent adequate. Both were the highest since 1999 when they were rated 63 percent and 59 percent adequate respectively.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL				SUBSOIL		
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent						
Very Short	13	15	20	29	21	35	38
Short	27	25	40	43	41	39	46
Adeq	56	55	40	28	36	26	16
Surp	4	5	0	0	2	0	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Corn Mature	83	80	56	87
Corn Harvested	23	14	9	25
Dry Beans Combined	87	83	74	89
Sugarbeet Harvested	21	4	42	50
Alfalfa Third Cut	82	73	63	85



FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 5.5 days were suitable for field work. Precipitation in winter wheat growing areas improved the winter wheat condition. The winter wheat crop was rated 60 percent good, up 8 points from last week. The sugarbeet harvest was 20 percent complete, about 6 days behind last year and about 8 days behind average. Sugarbeets condition was unchanged from last week at 85 percent good and 15 percent fair.

Corn condition was unchanged with 13 percent rated excellent and 64 percent good. Corn was mature on 83 percent of the acreage, about 4 days behind of the average and 13 days ahead of last year. The corn harvest was complete on 23 percent of the acreage, just behind the average pace.

Eighty-seven percent of the dry beans were combined, 2 points behind average and 13 points ahead of last year. The third cutting of alfalfa was 82 percent complete, 19 points ahead of last year but 3 points behind average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V	POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent					
Winter Wheat	0	1		39	60	0
Corn	0	5	18	64	13	
Sugarbeets	0	0	15	85	0	

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture feed was rated good or excellent in 47 percent of the state, down 2 points from last week but well ahead of last year's 19 percent and the 5-year average of 12 percent. Stock water supplies were rated 64 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus, much better than last year when only 40 percent was rated adequate.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	5	5	38	32
Poor	17	16	23	29
Fair	31	30	20	27
Good	43	45	15	11
Excellent	4	4	4	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: For the week ending Friday, October 14th, temperatures ranged from 3.0 degrees below normal in Deaver to 2.6 degrees above normal in Redbird. The high temperature was 82 in Wheatland and Chugwater and the low was 18 in Jackson. A storm during the week and previous weekend brought snow to the Southeast. The most precipitation was reported in Chugwater with 2.00 inches followed by Wheatland with 1.56 inches and Torrington with 1.02 inches.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 14, 2005

TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				
	:	:	:	:	:	:	CUMULATIVE	1/
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	DEP.	AMT.	DEP.	1/05	NORM
	:	:	:	FROM	PAST	FROM	TO	THRU
STATION	:	MAX	:	MIN	:	NORM	:	WEEK
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	:	69	:	18	:	0.6	:	0.02
Afton	:	70	:	21	:	-1.5	:	0.10
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	:	72	:	28	:	0.7	:	0.05
Big Piney AP	:	67	:	19	:	0.8	:	T
Rock Springs AP	:	70	:	29	:	0.1	:	0.06
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	:	69	:	30	:	-0.3	:	0.04
Deaver	:	67	:	29	:	-3.0	:	0.00
Greybull AP	:	73	:	32	:	-0.4	:	0.04
Powell Field St	:	65	:	31	:	0.5	:	0.00
Worland FAA AP	:	73	:	31	:	-2.1	:	0.20
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	:	75	:	33	:	-0.1	:	0.52
Sheridan WSO AP	:	71	:	32	:	-3.2	:	0.47
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	:	73	:	30	:	0.7	:	0.22
Sundance	:	73	:	33	:	1.2	:	T
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	:	78	:	36	:	-0.8	:	0.06
Redbird	:	78	:	29	:	2.6	:	0.41
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	:	76	:	31	:	0.3	:	0.15
Cheyenne AP	:	76	:	32	:	-1.4	:	0.63
Chugwater	:	82	:	32	:	-1.6	:	2.00
Douglas AP	:	81	:	29	:	0.4	:	0.64
Torrington AP	:	78	:	32	:	1.1	:	1.02
Wheatland 4 N	:	82	:	35	:	-0.4	:	1.56
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	:	69	:	33	:	-1.2	:	0.33
Riverton AP	:	68	:	33	:	0.6	:	0.11
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	:	72	:	28	:	-1.7	:	0.26
Rawlins AP	:	70	:	32	:	-0.7	:	0.11
Saratoga	:	73	:	31	:	-1.0	:	0.19

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1/LATE REPORTS CAN CHANGE PREVIOUS WEEK'S CUMULATIVE TOTALS .